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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST:

ACCORDING TO HURREY HARDER AND JOHN M. GOSHKO, PRESIDENT FORD ASSERTED THAT DESPITE U.S. SETBACKS IN INDOCHINA, HE HAS FOUND THAT AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT THE U.S. HAS THE WILL AND CAPACITY TO EXERCISE STRONG LEADERSHIP OF THE WEST.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAY THAT NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS HAVE AGREED IN TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS THAT POLITICAL REUNIFICATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AWAY. (A-1)

THE U.S. HAS QUIETLY INCREASED ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA OVER THE PAST YEAR BY AN ADDITIONAL 4,000 TROOPS TO THE AUTHORIZED LEVEL OF 42,000, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY. (A-4)

CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, SECOND TO PRIME MINISTER CASTRO IN THE CUBAN HIERARCHY, HAS INDICATED THAT CUBA HAS STOPPED SUPPORTING GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING AND EXPECTS TO PATCH UP ITS QUARREL WITH THE U.S. SOON. (A-9)

PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING MADE A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TODAY TO INFLUENCE HIS EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO BUY A FRENCH-MADE JET

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FIGHTER INSTEAD OF AN AMERICAN PLANE. HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE PARIS AIR SHOW THAT IF THE EUROPEANS BOUGHT THE AMERICAN PLANE, "I WOULD HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CAPACITY TO BUILD A UNITED EUROPE. THE ARMS DEAL IS NOT A MATTER OF NATIONAL INTEREST AS MUCH A TEST OF THE WILL OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN POLITICAL OFFICIALS...TO UNDERTAKE JOINT COOPERATION."
(A-9)

MIGUEL ADOCA REPORTS THAT GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO IS EXPECTED TO REQUEST U.S. MISSILES CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WARHEADS DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE VISIT THIS WEEKEND. THE SPANISH DICTATOR INTENDS TO ASK FOR SHORT-RANGE U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILE SYSTEMS AS PART OF THE PRICE FOR RENEWING THE BASE RIGHTS AGREEMENT. (A-11)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS KOREA IS A JITTERY PLACE, AND WITH REASON. THE DEFEAT OF AMERICAN-SPONSORED GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF A REDUCTION OF AMERICAN SUPPORT, HAS UNDERSTANDABLY LED SOUTH KOREA TO WARN WASHINGTON "NOT TO REPEAT ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA THE SORT OF MISTAKE IT COMMITTED IN INDOCHINA." IN WASHINGTON, THE POST-VIETNAM MOOD HAS DEEPENED THE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INCLINATION TO REMOVE THE 40,000 NUCLEAR-ARMED AMERICAN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA SO AS TO AVOID BECOMING ENGAGED IN ANOTHER ASIAN WAR. THE POST BELIEVES IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO START TAKING OUT THOSE TROOPS NOW. (A-12)

EVANS AND NOVAK WRITE THE PRESIDENT, USING THE CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AS HIS WORST-CASE BENCHMARK, IS NOW KNOWN TO FEEL THAT LEGISLATIVE ENCROACHMENT ON HIS FREEDOM TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY HAS REACHED A DANGEROUS LEVEL. HE SEES HIS MOST EXPLOSIVE FUTURE PROBLEM ALONG THE DMZ BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE RADICALLY DIFFERENT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN CONGRESS TODAY, COMPARED TO 1950 AT LEAST RAISES A QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE TO A NEW COMMUNIST ATTACK THERE. BUT IF SUCH AN EVENT CONVINCED HIM OF THE NEED FOR AMERICAN MILITARY SUPPORT OF SOUTH KOREA, HE WOULD STAKE NOT ONLY HIS PRESIDENCY BUT THE VALIDITY AND CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. TO PROVIDE IT. EVEN SO, THE PRESIDENT FEARS THAT THE EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE BALANCE IS NOW TIPPED SO DANGEROUSLY TOWARD CONGRESS AND THE POST-VIETNAM ENVIRONMENT IS SO DIFFERENT FROM 25 YEARS AGO THAT HE WILL NOT SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE KOREAN SCENARIOS. PRECISELY THEREIN IS CONTAINED A SEED OF DISASTER AS MR. FORD TRIES TO ASSERT PRESIDENTIAL SUPREMACY IN FOREIGN POLICY OVER A CONGRESS ACTING AS THOUGH AN IMPERIAL PRESIDENT WERE STILL ENTHRONED IN THE OVAL OFFICE.
(A-13)

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ACCORDING TO ROBERT BARNETT, "AFTER INDOCHINA" HAS HAD DIFFERENT CONNOTATIONS AND EMOTIONAL CONTENT FOR THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN: TOKYO SAW VIETNAM AS A BOIL THAT NEEDED LANCING, AND SOME IN WASHINGTON SAW IT AS A CANCER THAT HAD EATEN INTO THE AMERICAN MARROW. IT SEEMS THAT JAPAN HAS HAD GREATER CONFIDENCE IN THE CONTINUING POWER AND RELIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC THAN DID "POST-INDOCHINA" WASHINGTON ITSELF. A FORECAST OF FUTURE TENDENCIES IN UNITED STATES-JAPANESE RELATIONS SHOULD START WITH ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE FALL OF SAIGON. (A-13)

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION YESTERDAY LISTED 110 TRADE UNIONISTS AS HAVING DIED IN CHILE SINCE THE 1973 COUP, AND THE SPECIALIZED BODY OF THE UN SAID THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO SHOW THAT THE KILLINGS WERE FOR OTHER THAN UNION ACTIVITY. (A-14)

THE WASHINGTON-STAR NEWS

FRED BARNES REPORTS PRESIDENT FORD'S DECLARATION LAST NIGHT THAT AMERICA'S ALLIES HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THE U.S. WILL LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. (A-1)

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS PLEASED WHEN FEW AMERICANS JOINED THE GOLD RUSH, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IT WILL OFFER 500,000 OUNCES OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED GOLD FOR SALE JUNE 30. (A-1)

AMERICAN INVESTIGATORS SIFTED THROUGH THE WRECKAGE OF A U.S. AIR FORCE U2 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE IN WEST GERMANY YESTERDAY, AND A SPOKESMAN SAID THE PLANE WAS NOT SHOT DOWN. (A-2)

RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD G. LANSDALE SAID YESTERDAY THAT, ACTING ON ORDERS FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY DELIVERED THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY, HE DEVELOPED PLANS FOR REMOVING CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING ASSASSINATION. LAST WEEK, AP IDENTIFIED LANSDALE AS THE AUTHOR OF AN AUGUST 1962 MEMO, NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION, WHICH AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID PROVIDED THE CIA WITH AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF CASTRO. (A-2)

JEREMIAH O'LEARY SAYS OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW HAVE MODIFIED THEIR BAR-GAINING POSITIONS SUFFICIENTLY ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY TO PERMIT GUARDED OPTIMISM FOR A SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT THIS YEAR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY BY THE U.S. AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS THAT THE INTERRUPTED SALT II TALKS WILL RESUME IN GENEVA ON JUNE 23 LEADS ANALYSTS TO CONCLUDE

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THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE CONCESSIONS ADEQUATE TO WARRANT RENEWAL OF DISCUSSIONS AND REKINDLE HOPES FOR NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1985. (A-3)

HENRY S. DOGIN, A TOP PROSECUTOR IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION, WAS NAMED YESTERDAY ACTING HEAD OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE SITUATION SAID PRESSURE TO REPLACE DEA HEAD BARTELS AT THE AGENCY, WHICH HAS BEEN BESET BY INTERNAL SQUABBLING AND ALLEGATIONS OF "UNPROFESSIONAL" PERFORMANCE, CAME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. (A-3)

PRESIDENT SADAT AND MARSHAL TITO SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY WANTED "NONALIGNED" NATIONS, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, TO PARTICIPATE IN A GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE FUTURE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE "NON-ALIGNED" NATIONS AS WELL AS THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WOULD GIVE THE ARAB SIDE MORE DIPLOMATIC MUSCLE, SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE "NONALIGNED" BLOC IS AR-RAINED AGAINST ISRAEL. (A-4)

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS REAFFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE FIRST USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO BLUNT ANY COMMUNIST-BLOC ATTACK IN EUROPE. HE DID SO IN A 30-PAGE REPORT TO CONGRESS, MADE AVAILABLE YESTERDAY AT A TIME WHEN PENTAGON SPECIALISTS ARE DEEP IN DEBATE OVER THE SIZE, QUALITY, AND USE OF THE EUROPEAN-BASED NUCLEAR ARMS. (A-4)

FRANCE, PORTUGAL, AND GREECE YESTERDAY REJECTED PRESIDENT FORD'S DESCRIPTION OF THEM AS PART-TIME NATO ALLIES AND SAID THEY DO NOT PLAN TO CHANGE THEIR INDEPENDENT WAYS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. (A-4)

A STAR EDITORIAL SAYS THAT APART FROM NATO CEREMONIAL, THE EXPECTABLE RATION OF ALLIANCE RHETORIC AND COURTESY CALLS IN MADRID AND ROME, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF PRESIDENT FORD'S EUROPEAN TRIP IS LIKELY TO BE HIS MEETING ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN SALZBERG. NOT ONLY WILL IT BE THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN TWO MEN WHO, BETWEEN THEM, MAY HOLD THE FATE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN THEIR HANDS. IT MAY ALSO BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REVIVE THE DIPLOMATIC MOVEMENT TOWARD AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, DEADLOCKED SINCE THE BREAKDOWN OF YOUR NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. WHETHER SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WILL MATERIALIZE, HOWEVER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IF SADAT IS RECEPTIVE AND OFFERS SOME CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A MEETING NEXT MONTH BETWEEN FORD AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN. PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST MAY HANG ON THE RESULT. (A-6)

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

ART PINE WRITES OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW SET OF ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS THAT FORECAST A SOMEWHAT STRONGER RECOVERY NEXT YEAR THAN THE WHITE HOUSE PREDICTED LAST FEBRUARY, WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER RATE OF INFLATION. (A-1)

PORTUGAL'S LEFTIST MILITARY RULERS AND THE STRONG SOCIALIST PARTY REACHED AN AGREEMENT LAST NIGHT THAT COULD EASE TENSIONS THREATENING THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE MOVE WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT WAS RETREATING FROM THE BRINK OF RADICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. (A-1)

HENRY TREWHITT SAYS THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL REJECTED YESTERDAY AS THEY HAD TO REACT, WITH CAUTION, TO PRESIDENT FORD'S BENCHMARK FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS OF THE DAY BEFORE. AS MR. FORD MUST HAVE EXPECTED, THE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, WHATEVER THEIR NATURE, WILL BECOME VISIBLE SLOWLY. ALLIES WHO HAVE WEAKENED THEIR COMMITMENT, SUCH AS FRANCE AND GREECE, OR WHO ARE TURNING TO THE LEFT, AS PORTUGAL IS, WERE TOLD THAT EROSION MUST STOP. THE PRESIDENT TRIED TO WEAKEN THIS MESSAGE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, SAYING HE HAD ONLY GREECE IN MIND, BUT IT WAS A DISTINCTION HE ALONE SEEMED TO BE MAKING. (A-2)

BRITISH AND UNITED STATES MILITARY OFFICIALS YESTERDAY REJECTED A SUGGESTION BY A BRITISH LAWMAKER THAT EAST GERMANY MIGHT HAVE SHOT DOWN A U-2 SPY PLANE. (A-2)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ON PAGE ONE.

DAVID A. ANDELMAN SAYS TOP OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE LAOTIAN ADMINISTRATION ARE RESIGNING UNDER PRESSURE FROM DEMONSTRATORS AS THE PATHET LAD INCREASINGLY SOLIDIFY THEIR CONTROL OVER THE GOVERNMENT. THE FORCED RESIGNATIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS "VIRTUAL PURGES" BY MANY PERSONS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. (1)

FLORA LEWIS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD SAID HE HAD FOUND THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIES CONSIDERED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT "FIRM AND VIGOROUS" DESPITE WHAT HE CALLED RECENT "TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES" IN INDOCHINA. (1)

ACCORDING TO JUAN DE ONIS, LEBANESE PREMIER-DESIGNATE RASHID KARAMI HAS ENCOUNTERED TROUBLE IN FORMING A CABINET. THE

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PROBLEM INVOLVES THE INSISTENCE OF CHRISTIAN POLITICAL LEADERS THAT PHALANGISTS BE INCLUDED. MOST MOSLEM FACTIONS ARE OPPOSED TO WORKING WITH THEM. (3)

HENRY TANNER STATES THAT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI HAS URGED THE U.S. TO ANNOUNCE A POSITION OF ITS OWN ON THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT NO COUNTRY MUST BE ALLOWED TO ACQUIRE TERRITORY BY ARMED FORCE. HE ADDED THAT, HAVING DONE SO, THE UNITED STATES MUST THEN ACT FORCEFULLY TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT. (8)

ACCORDING TO CRAIG WHITNEY, CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT DECLARED THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WAS THREATENED "MORE BY THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION THAN IN ANY PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA," AND CALLED FOR MORE COORDINATION IN ECONOMIC POLICIES. (10)

AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL STATES THAT BECAUSE OF CHILE'S LONG AND HONORABLE HISTORY OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, REPRESSION THERE INEVITABLY ATTRACTS MORE ATTENTION THAN DO COMPARABLE PRACTICES IN THE SOVIET BLOC OR EVEN IN LONG-STANDING RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIPS. THE WORLD DOES EXPECT MORE OF CHILE; BUT THE MILITARY RULERS OUGHT TO REGARD THAT FACT AS A COMPLIMENT -- AND AS A CHALLENGE TO END THE TERROR AND RESTORE FREEDOM, RATHER THAN AS AN EXCUSE TO RETREAT INTO A SIEGE MENTALITY. (26)

C.L. SULZBERGER COMMENTS THAT WITH DIPLOMATIC SKILL AND POLITICAL TACT FRANCE HAS DRAWN ITSELF BACK SOMEWHAT INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE FOLD WHILE CAREFULLY ESCHEWING THE NATO MILITARY ORGANIZATION. IN EFFECT, THE FRENCH ARMY MAY BE CONSIDERED A NATO RESERVE FORCE. ALL THIS WAS SYMBOLIZED BY MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING'S DECISION TO ATTEND KING BAUDOUIN'S DINNER. THE FRENCH PRESIDENT IS TOO WISE A STATESMAN TO ALLOW HIS COUNTRY TO APPEAR ISOLATED FROM ITS BEST FRIENDS AND ALLIES. BAUDOUIN'S PARTY WAS THE BEST WAY OUT OF A THEORETICAL DILEMMA AND INTO A PRACTICAL ALLIANCE. (27)

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